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MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT OF THE BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE TO DISCUSS THE SPEECH OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE ON INDIAN REFORMS.

12-30 p.m. * Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—“ Sir, under Standing Order 20, I beg to move—

‘the adjournment of the business of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, viz., the unsatisfactory nature of the recent speech of the Secretary of State for India in the House of Lords regarding Indian Reforms, especially with reference to this Presidency’.”

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—“ I think the matter proposed to be discussed is in order subject to objections, if any, that may be taken. (After a pause.) As no objection is taken, I have to intimate that the motion will be taken up at 2-30 p.m. to-day or at 2-30 p.m. to-morrow.”

Mr. A. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—“ I had intended to move the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss another subject to-day, but since you have called upon Mr. Venkataramana Ayyangar already, I lose, for the time being, my right to move my adjournment motion. I propose, therefore, to move that subject to-morrow.”

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—“ In the absence of any objection I have to intimate that the motion will be taken up at 2-30 p.m. to-day.”

RESOLUTION OF CONDOLENCE.

* The hon. Sir C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR:—“ Mr. President, Sir, with your leave, I beg to move—

‘that an expression of the sincere regret of the Council at the death of Diwan Bahadur Sir P. Tyagaraya Chettiar and of deep sympathy with his bereaved family be placed on record and conveyed to them.’

“In the course of the last few months many conspicuous and leading Indians have passed away from us. It is necessary only to refer to the names of Bhupendra Nath Basu, Sir Ashutosh Mukerjee, Chitta Ranjan Das, Sir Surendra Nath Banerjee, the Maharaja Scindia of Gwalior, Sir Subrahmanya Ayyar and Sir Tyagaraya Chettiar, to realize what a heavy toll indeed has been paid to Death.

“It is needless to address at length the Members of this Council on the public services and private qualities of Sir Tyagaraya Chettiar. Born in 1852, he soon became a prominent industrialist and carried on and extended his hereditary business. He maintained single-handed a demonstration weaving factory in his own premises all through his life and his ardent interest in the promotion of the industrial development of this province was manifested in his activities as one of the trustees of the Chengalraya Naicker's Charities and also in the initiation and successful conduct of various industrial conferences and exhibitions in Madras and elsewhere. For a long time he confined his attention to his business and his social duties and was a comparatively silent member of the Indian National Congress though from his very early days he took part in many public movements and meetings.